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LENEXA RELEASES PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

Lenexa, Kan. – The Lenexa City Council will begin its review of the city's 2017 Recommended Budget and 2017–2021 Capital Improvement Program in a budget review session on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at the Lenexa Police Department (training room).

The budget is a management plan that explains where the city's money comes from and how those funds will be used to address community priorities. The total budget proposed for 2017 is \$140.9 million. General fund operations make up the largest portion of the budget, which provides essential city services. The general fund expenditure amount recommended for 2017 is \$71.7 million, an increase of \$2.6 million (or 3.8 percent) over the 2016 adopted budget.

The 2017 Recommended Budget focuses on:

- Maintaining the projected property tax mill levy at 31.807 mills for 2017 (the same as the fiscal year 2016 adopted budget).
- Maintaining appropriate reserve levels in all city funds.
- Providing quality city services with an increase in staffing levels to address greater service demands from the community.
- Continued funding for key projects such as the Pavement Management Program and parks/civic projects (including the new Rec Center) with the 3/8-cent sales tax adopted by voters in 2008.

The budget also continues the city's commitment to the governing body's strategic goals of providing quality city services, ensuring fiscal responsibility, promoting economic development, continuing reinvestment in the community, developing Lenexa City Center, and creating a sense of community within Lenexa.

The city's financial model reflects structural balance, with projected revenues equal to or exceeding projected expenditures for the general fund in each year of the five-year forecast period. The positive financial outlook is due to prudent management of city resources, improving property valuations, and good financial results for the previous fiscal year.

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The recommended Capital Improvement Program is \$225.3 million for fiscal years 2017 through 2021. The program has 39 funded projects. Five projects comprise over \$158 million (70%) of the recommended CIP.

- Lenexa Civic Center **(\$75.4 million)**
- Pavement Management Program **(\$28.0 million)**
- 95th Street and I-35 interchange **(\$12.1 million)**
- Stormwater infrastructure replacement **(\$16.5 million)**
- Ridgeview Road – K-10 to Prairie Star Parkway **(\$26.1 million)**

City Administrator Eric Wade worked with staff during the past several months to prepare the recommended budget and Capital Improvement Program. After the initial City Council review on June 28, additional meetings will be scheduled as needed to continue the review of the recommended budget. **A public hearing for the recommended budget and capital improvement program is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Lenexa City Hall** during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

To view Lenexa's 2017 Recommended Budget and 2017–2021 Capital Improvement Program, visit www.lenexa.com/budget. Public comments and questions may be directed to budget@lenexa.com or Chief Financial Officer Doug Robinson at 913.477.7500.

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